The Indian High Commission in Colombo has been in constant touch with the Sri Lankan authorities at a high level, to resolve this issue. The hardships being caused to the Tuticorin sailing vessel operators/owners and crew men have been pointed out to the Sri Lankan Government and all efforts are being made to persuade them to lift the ban. The Sri Lankan authorities have consistently maintained that the restrictions have been imposed due to security considerations and that under the prevailing security conditions they are not in a position to lift these restrictions. They have categorically assured that these restrictions are being applied to vessels from all countries without discrimination. Various alternative Ports which could be used by sailing vessels have been suggested by the Sri Lanka Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A proposal to send a delegation, including Tuticorin boat operators, to Sri Lanka for holding discussions with the Sri Lankan authorities on possible ways of resolving the problem has been accepted by the Sri Lankan Government.

Irregularities in IRCON

1063. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Irregularities glore in IRCON's projects" as reported in the Indian Express dated 16th June, 1995 Chandigarh edition;

(b) if so, whether several irregularities have come to the notice of Government on the IRCON's projects in India and abroad;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective steps Government propose to take to set right the IRCON's projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news report was based on incomplete/incorrect information. No irregularities have been noticed by the Government in any of the IRCON's project.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) IRCON has been consistently doing good work. In recognition of such performance, it has been awarded excellent grading by the Deptt. of Public Enterprises, consecutively for the last three years.

केन्द्रीय सड़क निधि के अंतर्गत निधियों का संवितरण

1064. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस वर्ष केन्द्रीय सड़क निधि के अंतर्गत प्रदेश-वार कितनी-कितनी राशि का आबंटन किया गया है;

(ख) क्या पिछले वर्ष आबंटित राशियों की तुलना में इस राशि में कोई वृद्धि हुई है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में संसद द्वारा 1988 में पारित प्रस्ताव को लागू करने हेतु सरकार ने कोई निर्णय लिया है, यदि हां, तो कब यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर): (क) राज्य-वार आबंटन, संस्वीकृत स्कीमों की प्रगति और बजटगत प्रावधानों के आधार पर वित्तीय वर्ष के अंत में किया जाता है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) संसद द्वारा 1988 में पारित संकल्प को बजटगत अभावों के कारण अभी लागू नहीं किया जा सका है।